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SUBJECT: TONGA ILBO STRUGGLE COMMITTEE TRIES TO PASS PROTEST
LEAFLET

1. ON APRIL 18, MEMBERS OF "TONGA FREE PRESS PROTECTION
STRUGGLE COMMITTEE" ATTEMPTED TO PASS PROTEST LEAFLETS IN
SEOUL CITY. POLICE REPORTEDLY PREVENTED THEM FROM DOING SO,
APPARENTLY WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT.

2. IN ITS LEAFLET, COMMITTEE ASKED FOR RETURN TO FREEDOM OF
PRESS AND MORE RESPONSIBLE AND TRUTHFUL COVERAGE OF CURRENT
EVENTS INCLUDING MYONGDONG CASE AND PAK TONG-SUN SCANDALS.
SPECIFICALLY, GROUP DEPLORED CONTINUED GOVERNMENT
HARASSMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP SINCE TIME OF "STRUGGLE"
OF TONGA JOURNALISTS AGAINST MANAGEMENT AND ROKG IN MARCH
OF 1975. LEAFLET NOTES THAT MANY MEMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN
PERMITTED BY ROKG TO RETURN TO COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA
JOBS, THAT MEMBERS ARE UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND ARE
FREQUENTLY PICKED UP BY POLICE AND QUESTIONED NEEDLESSLY
AND THAT EVEN BUSINESSES WHICH DO EMPLOY THESE MEMBERS
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ARE WATCHED.

3. COMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR ROUGHLY TWO
YEARS, IS ESTIMATED BY USIS TO HAVE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
OF ONLY TWO DOZEN OR SO, AND IS NOT LIKELY TO MOUNT ANY
REAL THREAT TO ROKG. FACT GROUP BECAME ACTIVE AT THIS
TIME IS FURTHER INDICATION, IF ANY NEEDED, THAT THESE DAYS

ARE MORE EXPECTANT AND TENSE POLITICALLY THAN ANY TIME IN PAST
TWO YEARS.
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